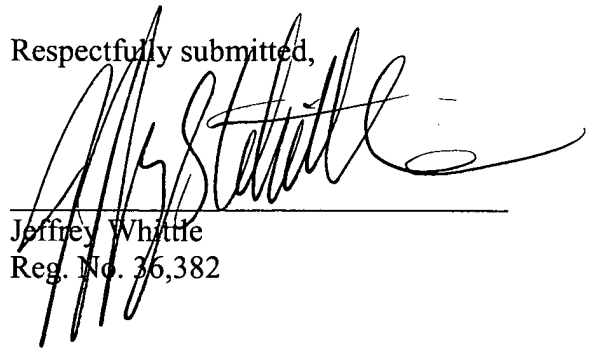


**REMARKS**

The amendments are made with prejudice as to patentability and to further claim the invention. Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for further examination and issuance of a notice of allowance. Accordingly, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Whittle', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text 'Jeffrey Whittle' and 'Reg. No. 36,382' is printed.

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